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BASKETBALL  Coach Hal Cuff  7-9  Following Coach Huff’s first losing season, the Austin Junior College hopes to make a winning season with a small lineup as freshmen Gordan Boike is the tallest man on the squad at 6’3”. Only two letterman return, Bill Killoran and Gary Tate. Austin would open its season with an 85-38 win over Pillsbury as all twelve members would see action. Killoran would set the pace in scoring with 23, followed by Pacelli star Gene Halverson who added 18 points. A big rugged Mankato freshmen team would defeat Austin 68-50 in its second contest. Halverson and center Gordan Boike would both score 14 to lead the Blue Devils. Concordia JC would rap Austin 77-59 in their conference opener. Gary Morem had a night for himself as he poured in 34 points on 11 field goals and 12 free throws. Waldorf would come from behind and hand Austin its third loss in a row with a 73-72 come from behind victory. Gary Morem again set a brilliant pace in scoring with 37 but it was not enough to offset the Waldorf’s Roy Nelson who scored 36. The Blue Devils would lose another close encounter, this time to Bethany 68-63. The setback left them with a 1-4 record including two SMJCC defeats. A late flurry of free throws by Bethany decided the game after it was tied 61-61 with 2:20 to play. Morem poured in 25 to lead all scorers, followed by Boike (13) and Halverson who had 11 points. Austin would snap a four game losing streak and hand Worthington its first conference loss with a 84-69 victory. Austin had good scoring and a tough defense. Gary Morem set the pace with 35 points, while guards Gary Tate (16) and Bob Brabec (11) got in the act. The Blue Devils would lose their first two games after the Christmas break, falling to the Mankato freshmen 68-67 and Worthington 78-69. Gary Morem and Gene Halverson would provide the ammunition as the AJC defeated Dr. Martin Luther 88-70. Morem, the top scorer in the conference (25.5) would tally 28 points and Halverson would chip in with 20. Another tough loss would be handed to Austin as a last minute rally fell short and they would lose 59-58 to Concordia. After trailing by 11 points with four minutes to play, the Blue Devils would rally and Gary Tate’s half court shot at the buzzer fell off the rim before the final gun. It was the third time Austin had been defeated by one point. Despite the setback, the Blue Devils played good ball with Halverson setting the pace with 19, followed by Morem with 18. Austin would upset defending champion Rochester 68-67 in a double overtime victory.
It was Gene Halverson at the free throw line with 20 seconds to remaining who handed the Yellowjackets its first conference loss. Trailing by 7 points late in regulation, the Blue Devils would rally behind Halverson. Morem maintained his conference average (24.7) by scoring 25 followed by Gary Tate’s 18 and Halverson with 16. Austin would fall in a flat performance and lose to Waldorf 69-63 in a non-conference game. With the score tied at 49 all, Waldorf would score 12 straight points to seal the win. Three Blue Devils scored in double figures, led by Morem with 23, Gordan Boick added 15 and Gene Halverson chipped in with 13. Austin would even its conference record at 4-4 with another huge upset, handing top ranked Bethany its first conference loss 86-80. Just a week ago the Blue Devils knocked arch rival Rochester out of first place. If anyone qualified for heroes role, it was the left handed sharpshooter Gary Morem and guard Gary Tate. Morre poured in 30 while Tate had his finest game of the season while scoring 26. With Austin leading 73-72 (3:32), they would put on a final spurt and outscore Bethany 13-8 to seal the win. The AJC fell victims 80-57 to title hungry Rochester in its next contest. Rochester moved to 8-2 in the league while the Blue Devils fell to 4-5. Halverson would pave the way with 16 while Morem was held to 14 points. In their final two contests, Austin would finish their season with two victories, defeating Dr. Martin Luther 96-80 (5-5 in the conference and 3rd place) and dumping Pillsbury 85-35 in their finale to finish the season 7-9 overall. Gary Morem would score 22 points in both contests and complete the season averaging 26.9 points per contest (377 points in 14 games). He would be second in the conference in scoring (24.8).

Roster Included:
- Gene Halverson
- Gary Morem
- Jim Randall
- Don Macel
- Harlan Nelson
- Don Johnson
- Gordan Boick
- Bill Killoren
- Gary Tate
- Bob Brebac
- Roger Nelson
- Phil Bundy
- Ray Appel
- Jerry Nelson
- Assistant Coach: Al Lehrke

Cheerleaders: Connie Lickteig, Jeanett Reinartz, Joanie Sucha

TENNIS
Coach Bill Evans
Austin would finish fourth out of five teams in the SMJCC tournament. Rochester would win the title, followed by Concordia, Worthington, Dr. Martin Luther, Austin, and Bethany. Competing for Austin was: Eric Bumbiers, Roger Knutson, Ryks, Brian McNally, and Bill Killoren.

GOLF
Coach Bill Evans
SMJCC Runner-up
Rochester would win the conference title (334) followed by Austin’s 364. The Blue Devil’s Ray Appel would win the medalist honors (78), followed by Paul Pierson (91), Dale Bensend (96), Bob Brabec (101).